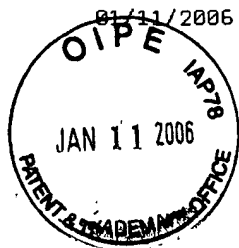


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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Dear Sir:

- 1) On December 14, 2005, the Examiner initiated a Telephone Interview with the undersigned attorney. The substance of that Interview is as set forth in the Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary enclosed with the Notice of Allowability of December 29, 2005, except for the following clarification.
- 2) The Supplemental Declaration does not imply that "new matter" (35 USC 132) was added by amendment. To the contrary, no new matter was added to this application, as acknowledged by the Examiner in the "Detailed Action" enclosed with the Notice of Allowability.
- 3) Rather, the Supplemental Declaration was submitted because the allowed claims include subject matter that was originally disclosed (e.g. in the written description and drawings) but was

not recited in the original claims. Under 37 CFR 1.67(b), the allowed claims include "matter originally shown or described but not substantially embraced in the ... claims originally presented".

Respectfully submitted,  
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